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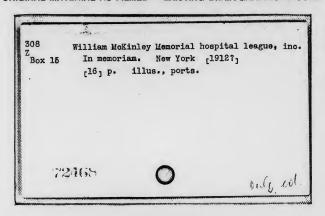
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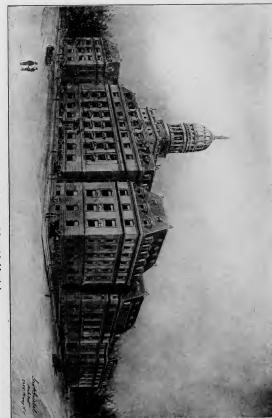
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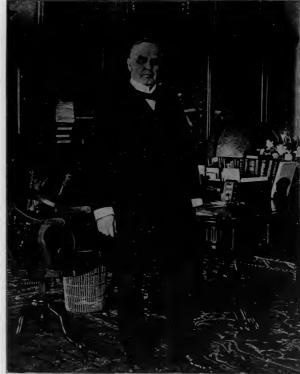
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PURPOSE.

To obtain by Voluntary Subscription a fund to be known as "The William McKinley Memorial Hospital Fund."

OBJECT.

To erect a Memorial to our beloved, deceased President William McKinley in the form of a Public Hospital, to be located in the City of New York, which shall be opened to all members of the medical profession, who may admit and conduct their individual cases with every facility afforded in a modern equipped Hospital, with branches for the treatment and cure of tuberculosis, in States of the Union, subject to the approval of State Governments and the Advisory Committee of the William McKinley Memorial Hospital League.

The Gov. of Montana

"The purpose of the William McKinley Memorial Hospital League is one that ought to appeal to every patriotic American, and it has my earnest sympathy. It proposes a fitting tribute to the memory of our martyred President and I shall be glad to co-operate to the attainment of the ends of the League in this regard."

Edwin L. Norris

TWENTY PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES DIE FROM CONSUMPTION EVERY HOUR DAY AND NIGHT.

YOU should become a monker in the cause of curing and preventing the spread of THE GREAT WHITE PLAGUE.

HOW? By joining an Auxiliary of the "William McKinley Memorial Hospital League" and by lending support in your immediate vicinity to the work in which it is engaged. By contributing to the establishing of the National Memorial Fund, the object of which is explained above.

No donation will be too small to receive acknowledgment from the League.

Please bring the purpose of
"The William McKinley Memorial Hospital League"
to the attention of the friends and admirers of William McKinley.

Checks should be drawn to the order of
"The William McKinley Memorial Hospital League,"

1 Madison Avenue, New York.
George E. Merry, Secretary.

William ArKinley built for future generations. What Memorial can be too great or too enduring for the memory of the Master Builder.



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